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ABOUT THE FIRM

Levi & Korsinsky, LLP is a national law firm with decades of combined experience litigating complex securities, class, and consumer actions in state and federal courts throughout the country. Our main office is located in New York City and we also maintain offices in Connecticut, California, and Washington, D.C.

We represent the interests of aggrieved shareholders in class action and derivative litigation through the vigorous prosecution of corporations that have committed securities fraud and boards of directors who have breached their fiduciary duties. We have served as Lead and Co-Lead Counsel in many precedent-setting litigations, recovered hundreds of millions of dollars for shareholders via securities fraud lawsuits, and obtained fair value, multi-billion-dollar settlements in merger transactions.

We also represent clients in high-stakes consumer class actions against some of the largest corporations in America. Our legal team has a long and successful track record of litigating high-stakes, resource-intensive cases and consistently achieving results for our clients.

Our attorneys are highly skilled and experienced in the field of securities class action litigation. They bring a vast breadth of knowledge and skill to the table and, as a result, are frequently appointed Lead Counsel in complex shareholder and consumer litigations in various jurisdictions. We are able to allocate substantial resources to each case, reviewing public documents, interviewing witnesses, and consulting with experts concerning issues particular to each case. Our attorneys are supported by exceptionally qualified professionals including financial experts, investigators, and administrative staff, as well as cutting-edge technology and e-discovery systems. Consequently, we are able to quickly mobilize and produce excellent litigation results. Our ability to try cases, and win them, results in substantially better recoveries than our peers.

We do not shy away from uphill battles – indeed, we routinely take on complex and challenging cases, and we prosecute them with integrity, determination, and professionalism.



PRACTICE AREAS

Securities Class Actions

Over the last four years, Levi & Korsinsky has been lead, or co-lead counsel in 35 separate settlements that have resulted in nearly \$200 million in recoveries for shareholders. During that time, Levi & Korsinsky has consistently ranked in the Top 10 in terms of number of settlements achieved for shareholders each year, according to reports published by ISS. In Lex Machina's Securities Litigation Report, Levi & Korsinsky ranked as one of the Top 5 Securities Firm for the period from 2018 to 2020. Law360 dubbed the Firm one of the "busiest securities firms" in what is "on track to be one of the busiest years for federal securities litigation" in 2018. In 2019, Lawdragon Magazine ranked multiple members of Levi & Korsinsky among the 500 Leading Plaintiff Financial Lawyers in America. Our firm has been appointed Lead Counsel in a significant number of class actions filed in both federal and state courts across the country.

In **In re Tesla Inc. Securities Litigation**, Case No. 18-cv-4865-EMC (N.D. Cal.), the firm is sole Lead Counsel representing the class of Tesla investors who were injured as a result of Elon Musk's "funding secured" tweet of August 7, 2018. The case has survived defendants' motion to dismiss and is now in discovery. It is set for trial in March 2022. Damages are estimated as exceeding \$2 billion.

In **In re U.S. Steel Consolidated Cases**, Case No. 17-559-CB (W.D. Pa.), the firm is sole Lead Counsel representing U.S. Steel investors who were harmed by U.S. Steel's misrepresentations regarding the maintenance of its manufacturing facilities. Defendants' motion to dismiss has been denied and the class of investors certified by the District Court. The class action case is now in discovery.

As Lead Counsel in **In re Avon Products Inc. Securities Litigation**, Case No. 19-cv-1420-MKV (S.D.N.Y.), having been commenced in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, the Firm achieved a \$14.5 million cash settlement to successfully end claims alleged by a class of investors that the beauty company loosened its recruiting

In **Rougier v. Applied Optoelectronics, Inc.**, Case No. 17-cv-2399 (S.D. Tex.), the Firm served as sole Lead Counsel, prevailed against Defendants' Motion to Dismiss, and achieved class certification before the Parties reached a settlement. The Court granted final approval of a \$15.5 million settlement on November 24, 2020.

“Plaintiffs' selected Class Counsel, the law firm of Levi & Korsinsky, LLP, has demonstrated the zeal and competence required to adequately represent the interests of the Class. The attorneys at Levi & Korsinsky have experience in securities and class actions issues and have been appointed lead counsel in a significant number of securities class actions across the country.”

The Honorable Christina Bryan in Rougier v. Applied Optoelectronics, Inc., No. 4:17-CV-02399 (S.D. Tex. Nov. 13, 2019)

In **In Re Helios and Matheson Analytics, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, Case No. 18-cv-6965-JGK (S.D.N.Y.), the Firm served as sole Lead Counsel. Although the company had filed a voluntary Bankruptcy petition for liquidation and had numerous creditors (including private parties and various state and federal regulatory agencies), the Firm was able to reach a settlement. The settlement was obtained at a time when a motion to dismiss filed by the defendants was still pending and a risk to the Class. In its role as Lead Counsel, the Firm achieved a settlement of \$8.25 million on behalf of the class. The Court granted final approval of the settlement on May 13, 2021.

In **In re Restoration Robotics, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, Case No. 18-cv-03712-EJD (N.D. Cal.), the Firm is sole Lead Counsel and has prevailed on a Motion to Dismiss. The class action is in the early stages of discovery and shareholders stand to recover damages in connection with an Initial Public Offering.

In **Stein v. U.S. Xpress Enterprises, Inc., et al.**, Case No. 1:19-cv-98-TRM-CHS (E.D. Tenn.), the Firm is Co-Lead Counsel representing a certified class of USX investors and has prevailed on a Motion to Dismiss. The class action is in the early stages of discovery and shareholders stand to recover damages in connection with an Initial Public Offering.

We have also been appointed Lead or Co-Lead Counsel in the following securities class actions:

- **Miller V. Rekor Systems, Inc. et al.**, 1:21-cv-01604-GLR (D. Md. September 16, 2021)
- **John P. Norton, On Behalf Of The Norton Family Living Trust UAD 11/15/2002 V. Nutanix, Inc. Et Al**, 3:21-cv-04080-WHO (N.D. Cal. September 8, 2021)
- **Zaker V. Ebang International Holdings Inc. et al.**, 1:21-cv-03060-KPF (S.D.N.Y. July 21, 2021)
- **Valdes v. Kandi Technologies Group, Inc. et al.**, 2:20-cv-06042-LDH-AYS (E.D.N.Y. April 20, 2021)

- **In re QuantumScape Securities Class Action Litigation**, 3:21-cv-00058-WHO (N.D. Cal. April 20, 2021)
- **In re Minerva Neurosciences, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:20-cv-12176-GAO (D. Mass. March 5, 2021)
- **White Pine Investments v. CVR Refining, LP, et al.**, 1:20-cv-02863-AT (S.D.N.Y Jan. 5, 2021)

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In appointing the Firm Lead Counsel, the Honorable Analisa Torres noted our “extensive experience” in securities litigation.

White Pine Invs. v. CVR Ref., LP, No. 20 CIV. 2863 (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 5, 2021)

- **The Daniels Family 2001 Revocable Trust v. Las Vegas Sands Corp., et al.**, 1:20-cv-08062-JMF (D. Nev. Jan. 5, 2021)
- **Yaroni v. Pintec Technology Holdings Limited, et al.**, 1:20-cv-08062-JMF (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 15, 2020)
- **Nickerson v. American Electric Power Company, Inc., et al.**, 2:20-cv-04243-SDM-EPD (S.D. Ohio Nov. 24, 2020)
- **Ellison v. Tufin Software Technologies Ltd., et al.**, 1:20-cv-05646-GHW (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 19, 2020)
- **Hartel v. The GEO Group, Inc., et al.**, 9:20-cv-81063-RS (S.D. Fla. Oct. 1, 2020)
- **Posey, Sr. v. Brookdale Senior Living, Inc., et al.**, 3:20-cv-00543-AAT (M.D. Tenn. Sept. 14, 2020)
- **Snyder v. Baozun Inc.**, 1:19-cv-11290-ALC (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 8, 2020)

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I find the firm to be well-qualified to serve as Lead Counsel.”

The Honorable Andrew L. Carter, Jr. In Snyder v. Baozun Inc., No. 1:19-CV-11290 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 8, 2020)

- **In re eHealth Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 4:20-cv-02395-JST (N.D. Cal. Jun. 24, 2020)
- **Mehdi v. Karyopharm Therapeutics Inc.**, 1:19-cv-11972-NMG (D. Mass. Apr. 29, 2020)
- **Brown v. Opera Ltd.**, 1:20-cv-00674-JGK (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 17, 2020)
- **In re Dropbox Sec. Litig.**, 5:19-cv-06348-BLF (N.D. Cal. Jan. 16, 2020)
- **In re Yunji Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:19-cv-6403-LDH-SMG (E.D.N.Y. Feb. 3, 2020)
- **Zhang v. Valaris plc**, 1:19-cv-7816-NRB (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 23, 2019)
- **In re Sundial Growers Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:19-cv-08913-ALC (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 20, 2019)
- **Costanzo v. DXC Technology Co.**, 5:19-cv-05794-BLF (N.D. Cal. Nov. 20, 2019)
- **Ferraro Family Foundation, Inc. v. Corcept Therapeutics Incorporated**, 5:19-cv-1372-LHK (N.D. Cal. Oct. 7, 2019)
- **Roberts v. Bloom Energy Corp.**, 4:19-cv-02935-HSG (N.D. Cal. Sept. 3, 2019)
- **Luo v. Sogou Inc.**, 1:19-cv-00230-JPO (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 2, 2019)
- **In re Aphria Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-cv-11376-GBD (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 27, 2019)
- **Chew v. MoneyGram International, Inc.**, 1:18-cv-07537 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 12, 2019)
- **Johnson v. Costco Wholesale Corp.**, 2:18-cv-01611-TSZ (W.D. Wash. Jan. 30, 2019)
- **Tung v. Dycom Industries, Inc.**, 9:18-cv-81448-RLR (S.D. Fla. Jan. 11, 2019)

- **Guyer v. MGT Capital Investments, Inc.**, 1:18-cv-09228-LAP (S.D.N.Y. Jan. 9, 2019)
- **In re Adient plc Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-CV-09116 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 21, 2018)
- **In re Prothena Corp. plc Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-cv-06425 (S.D.N.Y. Oct. 31, 2018)
- **Pierrelouis v. Gogo Inc.**, 1:18-cv-04473 (N.D. Ill. Oct. 10, 2018)
- **Balestra v. Cloud With Me Ltd.**, 2:18-cv-00804-LPL (W.D. Pa. Oct. 18, 2018)
- **Balestra v. Giga Watt, Inc.**, 2:18-cv-00103-SMJ (E.D. Wash. June 28, 2018)
- **Chandler v. Ulta Beauty, Inc.**, 1:18-cv-01577 (N.D. Ill. June 26, 2018)
- **In re Longfin Corp. Sec. Litig.**, 1:18-cv-2933 (S.D.N.Y. June 25, 2018)
- **Chahal v. Credit Suisse Group AG**, 1:18-cv-02268-AT (S.D.N.Y. June 21, 2018)
- **In re Bitconnect Sec. Litig.**, 9:18-cv-80086-DMM (S.D. Fla. June 19, 2018)
- **In re Aqua Metals Sec. Litig.**, 4:17-cv-07142-HSG (N.D. Cal. May 23, 2018)
- **Davy v. Paragon Coin, Inc.**, 4:18-cv-00671-JSW (N.D. Cal. May 10, 2018)
- **Rensel v. Centra Tech, Inc.**, 1:17-cv-24500-JLK (S.D. Fla. Apr. 11, 2018)
- **Cullinan v. Cemtrex, Inc.**, 2:17-cv-01067 (E.D.N.Y. Mar. 3, 2018)
- **In re Navient Corporation Sec. Litig.**, 1:17-cv-08373-RBK-AMD (D.N.J. Feb. 2, 2018)
- **Huang v. Depomed, Inc.**, 3:17-cv-04830-JST (N.D. Cal. Dec. 8, 2017)
- **In re Regulus Therapeutics Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:17-cv-00182-BTM-RBB (D. Mass. Oct. 26, 2017)

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“Class Counsel have demonstrated that they are skilled in this area of the law and therefore adequate to represent the Settlement Class as well.”

The Honorable Barry Ted Moskowitz in In re Regulus Therapeutics Inc. Sec. Litig., No. 3:17-CV-182-BTM-RBB (S.D. Cal. Oct. 30, 2020)

- **Murphy III v. JBS S.A.**, 1:17-cv-03084-ILG-RER (E.D.N.Y. Oct. 10, 2017)
- **Ohren v. Amyris, Inc.**, 3:17-cv-002210-WHO (N.D. Cal. Aug. 8, 2017)
- **Beezley v. Fenix Parts, Inc.**, 2:17-cv-00233 (D.N.J. June 28, 2017)
- **M & M Hart Living Trust v. Global Eagle Entertainment, Inc.**, 2:17-cv-01479 (C.D. Cal. June 26, 2017)
- **In re Insys Therapeutics, Inc.**, 1:17-cv-1954 (S.D.N.Y. May 31, 2017)
- **Clevlen v. Anthera Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, 3:17-cv-00715 (N.D. Cal. May 18, 2017)
- **In re Agile Therapeutics, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:17-cv-00119-AET-LHG (D.N.J. May 15, 2017)
- **Roper v. SITO Mobile Ltd.**, 2:17-cv-01106-ES-MAH (D.N.J. May 8, 2017)

- **In re Illumina, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:16-cv-03044-L-KSC (S.D. Cal. Mar. 30, 2017)
- **In re PTC Therapeutics, Inc.**, 2:16-cv-01224-KM-MAH (D.N.J. Nov. 14, 2016)
- **The TransEnterix Investor Group v. TransEnterix, Inc.**, 5:16-cv-00313-D (E.D.N.C. Aug. 30, 2016)
- **Gormley v. magicJack VocalTec Ltd.**, 1:16-cv-01869-VM (S.D.N.Y. July 12, 2016)
- **Azar v. Blount Int'l Inc.**, 3:16-cv-00483-SI (D. Or. July 1, 2016)
- **Plumley v. Sempra Energy**, 3:16-cv-00512-BEN-RBB (S.D. Cal. June 6, 2016)
- **Francisco v. Abengoa, S.A.**, 1:15-cv-06279-ER (S.D.N.Y. May 24, 2016)
- **De Vito v. Liquid Holdings Group, Inc.**, 2:15-cv-06969-KM-JBC (D.N.J. Apr. 7, 2016)
- **Ford v. Natural Health Trends Corp.**, 2:16-cv-00255-TJH-AFM (C.D. Cal. Mar. 29, 2016)
- **Levin v. Resource Capital Corp.**, 1:15-cv-07081-LLS (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 24, 2015)
- **Martin v. Altisource Residential Corp.**, 1:15-cv-00024 (D.V.I. Oct. 7, 2015)
- **Paggos v. Resonant, Inc.**, 2:15-cv-01970 SJO (VBKx) (C.D. Cal. Aug. 7, 2015)
- **Fragala v. 500.com Ltd.**, 2:15-cv-01463-MMM (C.D. Cal. July 7, 2015)
- **Stevens v. Quiksilver Inc.**, 8:15-cv-00516-JVS-JCGx. (C.D. Cal. June 26, 2015)
- **In re Ocean Power Technologies, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:14-cv-3799 (FLW) (LHG) (D.N.J. Mar. 17, 2015)
- **In re Energy Recovery Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:15-cv-00265 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 20, 2015)
- **Ford v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corporation, et al.**, 8:14-cv-00396 (D. Neb. Dec. 2, 2014)
- **In re China Commercial Credit Sec. Litig.**, 1:15-cv-00557 (ALC) (D.N.J. Oct. 31, 2014)
- **In re Violin Memory, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 4:13-cv-05486-YGR (N.D. Cal. Feb. 26, 2014)
- **Berry v. KiOR, Inc.**, 4:13-cv-02443 (S.D. Tex. Nov. 25, 2013)
- **In re OCZ Technology Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 3:12-cv-05265-RS (N.D. Cal. Jan. 4, 2013)
- **In re Digital Domain Media Group, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 2:12-cv-14333 (JEM) (S.D. Fla. Sept. 20, 2012)



Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III said “it’s always a pleasure to have counsel who are articulate and exuberant...” and referred to our approach to merger litigation as “wholesome” and “a model of... plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

Ocieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. May 15, 2014)

Derivative, Corporate Governance & Executive Compensation

As a leader in achieving important corporate governance reforms for the benefit of shareholders, the Firm protects shareholders by enforcing the obligations of corporate fiduciaries. Our efforts include the prosecution of derivative actions in courts around the country, making pre-litigation demands on corporate boards to investigate misconduct, and taking remedial action for the benefit of shareholders. In situations where a company's board responds to a demand by commencing its own investigation, we frequently work with the board's counsel to assist with and monitor the investigation, ensuring that the investigation is thorough and conducted in an appropriate manner.

We have also successfully prosecuted derivative and class action cases to hold corporate executives and board members accountable for various abuses and to help preserve corporate assets through longlasting and meaningful corporate governance changes, thus ensuring that prior misconduct does not reoccur. We have extensive experience challenging executive compensation and recapturing assets for the benefit of companies and their shareholders. We have secured corporate governance changes to ensure that executive compensation is consistent with shareholder-approved compensation plans, company performance, and federal securities laws.

The Firm was lead counsel in the derivative action styled **Police & Retirement System of the City of Detroit et al. v. Robert Greenberg et al.**, C.A. No. 2019-0578 (Del. Ch.). The action resulted in a settlement where Skechers Inc. cancelled nearly \$20 million in equity awards issued to Skechers' founder Robert Greenberg and two top officers in 2019 and 2020. Also, under the settlement, Skechers' board of directors must retain a consultant to advise on compensation decisions going forward.

In **In re Google Inc. Class C Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7469-CS (Del. Ch.), we challenged a stock recapitalization transaction to create a new class of nonvoting shares and strengthen the corporate control of the Google founders. We helped achieve an agreement that provided an adjustment payment to existing shareholders harmed by the transaction as well as providing enhanced board scrutiny of the Google founders' ability to transfer stock. Ultimately, Google's shareholders received payments of \$522 million and total net benefits estimated as exceeding \$3 billion.

In **In re Activision, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation**, Case No. 06-cv-04771-MRP (JTLX) (C.D. Cal.), we were Co-Lead Counsel and challenged executive compensation related to the dating of options. This effort resulted in the recovery of more than \$24 million in excessive compensation and expenses, as well as the implementation of substantial corporate governance changes.

In **Pfeiffer v. Toll** (Toll Brothers Derivative Litigation), C.A. No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch.), we prevailed in defeating defendants' motion to dismiss in a case seeking disgorgement of profits that company insiders reaped through a pattern of insider-trading. After extensive discovery, we secured a settlement returning \$16.25 million in cash to the company, including a significant contribution from the individuals who traded on inside information.

In **Rux v. Meyer**, C.A. No. 11577-CB (Del. Ch.), we challenged the re-purchase by Sirius XM of its stock from its controlling stockholder, Liberty Media, at an inflated, above-market price. After defeating a motion to dismiss and discovery, we obtained a settlement where SiriusXM recovered \$8.25 million, a substantial percentage of its over-payment.

In **In re EZCorp Inc. Consulting Agreement Derivative Litig.**, C.A. No. 9962-VCL (Del. Ch.), we challenged lucrative consulting agreements between EZCorp and its controlling stockholders. After surviving multiple motions to dismiss, we obtained a settlement where EZCorp was repaid \$6.5 million it had paid in consulting fees, or approximately 33% of the total at issue and the consulting agreements were discontinued.

In **Scherer v. Lu** (Diodes Incorporated), Case No. 13-358-GMS (D. Del.), we secured the cancellation of \$4.9 million worth of stock options granted to the company's CEO in violation of a shareholder-approved plan, and obtained additional disclosures to enable shareholders to cast a fully informed vote on the adoption of a new compensation plan at the company's annual meeting.

In **MacCormack v. Groupon, Inc.**, Case No. 13-940-GMS (D. Del.), we caused the cancellation of \$2.3 million worth of restricted stock units granted to a company executive in violation of a shareholder-approved plan, as well as the adoption of enhanced corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that the board of directors complies with the terms of the plan; we also obtained additional material disclosures to shareholders in connection with a shareholder vote on amendments to the plan.

In **Edwards v. Benson** (Headwaters Incorporated), Case No. 13-cv-330 (D. Utah), we caused the cancellation of \$3.2 million worth of stock appreciation rights granted to the company's CEO in violation of a shareholder-approved plan and the adoption of enhanced corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that the board of directors complies with the terms of the plan.

In **Pfeiffer v. Begley** (DeVry, Inc.), Case No. 12-CH-5105 (Ill. Cir. Ct. DuPage Cty.), we secured the cancellation of \$2.1 million worth of stock options granted to the company's CEO in 2008-2012 in violation of a shareholder-approved incentive plan.

In **Basch v. Healy** (EnerNOC), Case No. 13-cv-766 (D. Del.), we obtained a cash payment to the company to compensate for equity awards issued to officers in violation of the company's compensation plan and caused significant changes in the company's compensation policies and procedures designed to ensure that future compensation decisions are made consistent with the company's plans, charters and policies. We also impacted the board's creation of a new compensation plan and obtained additional disclosures to stockholders concerning the board's administration of the company's plan and the excess compensation.

In **Kleba v. Dees**, C.A. 3-1-13 (Tenn. Cir. Ct. Knox Cty.), we recovered approximately \$9 million in excess compensation given to insiders and the cancellation of millions of shares of stock options issued in violation of a shareholder-approved compensation plan. In addition, we obtained the adoption of formal corporate governance procedures designed to ensure that future compensation decisions are made independently and consistent with the plan.

In **Lopez v. Nudelman** (CTI BioPharma Corp.), 14-2-18941-9 SEA (Wash. Super. Ct. King Cty.), we recovered approximately \$3.5 million in excess compensation given to directors and obtained the adoption of a cap on director compensation, as well as other formal corporate governance procedures designed to implement best practices with regard to director and executive compensation.

In **In re i2 Technologies, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 4003-CC (Del. Ch.), as Counsel for the Lead Plaintiff, we challenged the fairness of certain asset sales made by the company and secured a \$4 million recovery.

In **In re Corinthian Colleges, Inc. Shareholder Derivative Litigation**, Case No. 06-cv-777-AHS (C.D. Cal.), we were Co-Lead Counsel and achieved a \$2 million benefit for the company, resulting in the re-pricing of executive stock options and the establishment of extensive corporate governance changes.

In **Pfeiffer v. Alpert** (Beazer Homes Derivative Litigation), Case No. 10-cv-1063-PD (D. Del.), we successfully challenged certain aspects of the company's executive compensation structure, ultimately forcing the company to improve its compensation practices.

In **In re Cincinnati Bell, Inc., Derivative Litigation**, Case No. A1105305 (Ohio, Hamilton Cty. C.P.), we achieved significant corporate governance changes and enhancements related to the company's compensation policies and practices in order to better align executive compensation with company performance. Reforms included the formation of an entirely independent compensation committee with staggered terms and term limits for service.

In **Woodford v. Mizel** (M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.), Case No. 1:11-cv-879 (D. Del.), we challenged excessive executive compensation, ultimately obtaining millions of dollars in reductions of that compensation, as well as corporate governance enhancements designed to implement best practices with regard to executive compensation and increased shareholder input.



“...a model for how [the] great legal profession should conduct itself.”

*Justice Timothy S. Driscoll in Grossman v. State Bancorp, Inc., Index No. 600469/2011
(N.Y. Sup. Ct. Nassau Cnty. Nov. 29, 2011)*

Mergers & Acquisitions

Levi & Korsinsky has achieved an impressive record in obtaining injunctive relief for shareholders, and we are one of the premier law firms engaged in mergers & acquisitions and takeover litigation, consistently striving to maximize shareholder value. In these cases, we regularly fight to obtain settlements that enable the submission of competing buyout bid proposals, thereby increasing consideration for shareholders.

We have litigated landmark cases that have altered the landscape of mergers & acquisitions law and resulted in multi-million dollar awards to aggrieved shareholders.

In **In re Schuff International, Inc. Stockholders Litigation**, C.A. No. 10323-VCZ (Del. Ch.), we served as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiff class in achieving the largest recovery as a percentage of the underlying transaction consideration in Delaware Chancery Court merger class action history, obtaining an aggregate recovery of more than \$22 million -- a gross increase from \$31.50 to \$67.45 in total consideration per share (a 114% increase) for tendering stockholders.

In **In re Bluegreen Corp. Shareholder Litigation**, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Cir. Ct. for Palm Beach Cty., FL), as Co-Lead Counsel, we achieved a common fund recovery of \$36.5 million for minority shareholders in connection with a management-led buyout, increasing gross consideration to shareholders in connection with the transaction by 25% after three years of intense litigation.

In **In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 5377-VCL (Del. Ch.), as Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel, we obtained a landmark ruling from the Delaware Chancery Court that set forth a unified standard for assessing the rights of shareholders in the context of freeze-out transactions and ultimately led to a common fund recovery of over \$42.7 million for the company's shareholders.

In **Chen v. Howard-Anderson**, C.A. No 5878-VCL (Del. Ch.), we represented shareholders in challenging the merger between Occam Networks, Inc. and Calix, Inc., obtaining a preliminary injunction against the merger after showing that the proxy statement by which the shareholders were solicited to vote for the merger was materially false and misleading. Post-closing, we took the case to trial and recovered an additional \$35 million for the shareholders.

In **In re Sauer-Danfoss Stockholder Litig.**, C.A. No. 8396 (Del. Ch.), as one of plaintiffs' co-lead counsel, we recovered a \$10 million common fund settlement in connection with a controlling stockholder merger transaction.

In **In re Yongye International, Inc. Shareholders' Litigation**, Consolidated Case No.: A-12-670468-B (District Court, Clark County, Nevada), as one of plaintiffs' co-lead counsel, we recovered a \$6 million common fund settlement in connection with a management-led buyout of minority stockholders in a China-based company incorporated under Nevada law.

In **In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch.), we achieved tremendous results for shareholders, including partial responsibility for a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration and the waiver of several "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreements that were restricting certain potential bidders from making a topping bid for the company.

In **In re Talecris Biotherapeutics Holdings Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 5614-VCL (Del. Ch.), we served as counsel for one of the Lead Plaintiffs, achieving a settlement that increased the merger consideration to Talecris shareholders by an additional 500,000 shares of the acquiring company's stock and providing shareholders with appraisal rights.

In **In re Minerva Group LP v. Mod-Pac Corp.**, Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. Erie Cty.), we obtained a settlement in which defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share, representing a recovery of \$2.4 million for shareholders.

In **Stephen J. Dannis v. J.D. Nichols**, C.A. No. 13-CI-00452 (Ky. Cir. Ct. Jefferson Cty.), as Co-Lead Counsel, we obtained a 23% increase in the merger consideration (from \$7.50 to \$9.25 per unit) for shareholders of NTS Realty Holdings Limited Partnership. The total benefit of \$7.4 million was achieved after two years of hard-fought litigation, challenging the fairness of the going-private, squeeze-out merger by NTS's controlling unitholder and Chairman, Defendant Jack Nichols. The unitholders bringing the action alleged that Nichols' proposed transaction grossly undervalued NTS's units. The 23% increase in consideration was a remarkable result given that on October 18, 2013, the Special Committee appointed by the Board of Directors had terminated the existing merger agreement with Nichols. Through counsel's tenacious efforts the transaction was resurrected and improved.

In **Dias v. Purches**, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch.), Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III of the Delaware Chancery Court partially granted shareholders' motion for preliminary injunction and ordered that defendants correct a material misrepresentation in the proxy statement related to the acquisition of Parlux Fragrances, Inc. by Perfumania Holding, Inc.

In **In re Complete Genomics, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch.), we obtained preliminary injunctions of corporate merger and acquisition transactions, and Plaintiffs successfully enjoined a "don't-ask-don't-waive" standstill agreement.

In **Forgo v. Health Grades, Inc.**, C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch.), as Co-Lead Counsel, our attorneys established that defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades' shareholders by failing to maximize value as required under Revlon, Inc. v. MacAndrews & Forbes Holdings, Inc., 506 A.2d 173 (Del. 1986). We secured an agreement with defendants to take numerous steps to seek a superior offer for the company, including making key modifications to the merger agreement, creating an independent committee to evaluate potential offers, extending the tender offer period, and issuing a "Fort Howard" release affirmatively stating that the company would participate in good faith discussions with any party making a bona fide acquisition proposal.

In **In re Pamrapo Bancorp Shareholder Litigation**, Docket C-89-09 (N.J. Ch. Hudson Cty.) & HUD-L-3608- 12 (N.J. Law Div. Hudson Cty.), we defeated defendants' motion to dismiss shareholders' class action claims for money damages arising from the sale of Pamrapo Bancorp to BCB Bancorp at an allegedly unfair price through an unfair process. We then survived a motion for summary judgment, ultimately securing a settlement recovering \$1.95 million for the Class plus the Class's legal fees and expenses up to \$1 million (representing an increase in consideration of 15-23% for the members of the Class).

In **In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litigation**, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Super. Ct. Santa Clara, Cal.), we won an injunction requiring corrective disclosures concerning "don't-ask-don'twaive" standstill agreements and certain financial advisor conflicts of interests, and contributed to the integrity of a post-agreement bidding contest that led to an increase in consideration from \$19.25 to \$23 per share, a bump of almost 25 percent.



"I think you've done a superb job and I really appreciate the way this case was handled."

The Honorable Ronald B. Rubin in Teoh v. Ferrantino, C.A. No. 356627 (Cir. Ct. for Montgomery Cnty., MD 2012)

Consumer Litigation

Levi & Korsinsky works hard to protect consumers by holding corporations accountable for defective products, false and misleading advertising, unfair or deceptive business practices, antitrust violations, and privacy right violations.

Our litigation and class action expertise combined with our in-depth understanding of federal and state laws enable us to fight for consumers who have been aggrieved by deceptive and unfair business practices and who purchased defective products, including automobiles, appliances, electronic goods, and other consumer products. The Firm also represents consumers in cases involving data breaches and privacy right violations. The Firm's attorneys have received a number of leadership appointments in consumer class action cases, including multidistrict litigation ("MDL"). Recently, Law.com identified the Firm as one of the top firms with MDL leadership appointments in the article titled, "There Are New Faces Leading MDLs. And They Aren't All Men" (July 6, 2020). Representative settled and ongoing cases include:

In NV Security, Inc. v. Fluke Networks, Case No. CV05-4217 GW (SSx) (C.D. Cal. 2005), we negotiated a settlement on behalf of purchasers of Test Set telephones in an action alleging that the Test Sets contained a defective 3-volt battery. We benefited the consumer class by obtaining the following relief: free repair of the 3-volt battery, reimbursement for certain prior repair, an advisory concerning the 3-volt battery on the outside of packages of new Test Sets, an agreement that defendants would cease to market and/or sell certain Test Sets, and a 42-month warranty on the 3-volt battery contained in certain devices sold in the future.

In Re: Apple Inc. Device Performance Litig., Case No. 5:18-md-02827-EJD (N.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel in proposed nationwide class action alleging that Apple purposefully throttled iPhone; Apple has agreed to pay up to \$500 million in cash (proposed settlement pending).

In Re: Intel Corp. CPU Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litig., Case No. 3:18-md-02828 (D. Or.): Co-Lead Interim Class Counsel in proposed nationwide class action alleging that Intel manufactured and sold defective central processing units that allowed unauthorized access to consumer stored confidential information.

In Re: ZF-TRW Airbag Control Units Products Liability Litig., Case No. 2:19-md-02905-JAK-FFM (C.D. Cal.): Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Counsel in proposed nationwide class action alleging that defendant auto manufacturers sold vehicles with defective airbags.

In Re: EpiPen (Epinephrine Injection, USP) Marketing, Sales Practices and Antitrust Litig., Case No. 17-md-02785 (D. Kan.): Plaintiffs' Executive Committee Counsel in action alleging that Mylan and Pfizer violated antitrust laws and committed other violations relating to the sale of EpiPens. Nationwide class and multistate classes certified.

Sung, et al. v. Schurman Retail Group, Case No. 17-cv-02760-LB (N.D. Cal.): Co-Lead Class Counsel in nationwide class action alleging unauthorized disclosure of employee financial information; obtained final approval of nationwide class action settlement providing credit monitoring and identity theft restoration services through 2022 and cash payments of up to \$400.

Scott, et al. v. JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Case No. 1:17-cv-00249 (D.D.C.): Co-Lead Class Counsel in nationwide class action settlement of claims alleging improper fees deducted from payments awarded to jurors; 100% direct refund of improper fees collected.

In Re: Citrix Data Breach Litig., Case No. 19-cv-61350-RKA (S.D. Fla.): Interim Class Counsel in action alleging company failed to implement reasonable security measures to protect employee financial information; common fund settlement of \$2.25 million pending.

Bustos v. Vonage America, Inc., Case No. 06 Civ. 2308 (HAA) (D.N.J.): Common fund settlement of \$1.75 million on behalf of class members who purchased Vonage Fax Service in an action alleging that Vonage made false and misleading statements in the marketing, advertising, and sale of Vonage Fax Service by failing to inform consumers that the protocol defendant used for the Vonage Fax Service was unreliable and unsuitable for facsimile communications.

Masterson v. Canon U.S.A., Case No. BC340740 (Cal. Super. Ct. L.A. Cty.): Settlement providing refunds to Canon SD camera purchasers for certain broken LCD repair charges and important changes to the product warranty.



“The quality of the representation... has been extremely high, not just in terms of the favorable outcome in terms of the substance of the settlement, but in terms of the diligence and the hard work that has gone into producing that outcome.”

The Honorable Joseph F. Bianco, in Landes v. Sony Mobile Communications, 17-cv-02264-JFB-SIL (E.D.N.Y. Dec. 1, 2017)



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EDUARD KORSINSKY

MANAGING PARTNER

Eduard Korsinsky is the Managing Partner and Co-Founder of Levi & Korsinsky LLP, a national securities firm that has recovered billions of dollars for investors since its formation in 2003. For more than 24 years Mr. Korsinsky has represented investors and institutional shareholders in complex securities matters. He has achieved significant recoveries for stockholders, including a \$79 million recovery for investors of E-Trade Financial Corporation and a payment ladder indemnifying investors of Google, Inc. up to \$8 billion in losses on a ground-breaking corporate governance case. His firm serves as lead counsel in some of the largest securities matters involving Tesla, US Steel, Kraft Heinz and others. He has been named a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters and is recognized as one of the country's leading practitioners in class action and derivative matters.

Mr. Korsinsky is also a co-founder of CORE Monitoring Systems LLC, a technology platform designed to assist institutional clients more effectively monitor their investment portfolios and maximize recoveries on securities litigation.

Cases he has litigated include:

- **E-Trade Financial Corp. Sec. Litig.**, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), \$79 million recovery
- **In re Activision, Inc. S'holder Derivative Litig.**, No. 06-cv-04771-MRP (JTLX)(C.D. Cal. 2006), recovered \$24 million in excess compensation
- **Corinthian Colleges, Inc., S'holder Derivative Litig.**, SACV-06-0777-AHS (C.D. Cal. 2009), obtained repricing of executive stock options providing more than \$2 million in benefits to the company
- **Pfeiffer v. Toll**, C.A. No. 4140-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), \$16.25 million in insider trading profits recovered
- **In re Net2Phone, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, Case No. 1467-N (Del. Ch. 2005), obtained increase in tender offer price from \$1.70 per share to \$2.05 per share
- **In re Pamrapo Bancorp S'holder Litig.**, C-89-09 (N.J. Ch. Hudson Cty. 2011) & HUD-L-3608-12 (N.J. Law Div. Hudson Cty. 2015), obtained supplemental disclosures following the filing of a motion for preliminary injunction, pursued case post-closing, defeated motion for summary judgment, and obtained an increase in consideration of between 15-23% for the members of the Class
- **In re Google Inc. Class C S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 19786 (Del. Ch. 2012), obtained payment ladder indemnifying investors up to \$8 billion in losses stemming from trading discounts expected to affect the new stock
- **Woodford v. M.D.C. Holdings, Inc.**, 1:2011cv00879 (D. Del. 2012), one of a few successful challenges to say on pay voting, recovered millions of dollars in reductions to compensation
- **i2 Technologies, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 4003-CC (Del. Ch. 2008), \$4 million recovered, challenging fairness of certain asset sales made by the company

- **Pfeiffer v. Alpert (Beazer Homes)**, C.A. No. 10-cv-1063-PD (D. Del. 2011), obtained substantial revisions to an unlawful executive compensation structure
- **In re NCS Healthcare, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, C.A. CA 19786, (Del. Ch. 2002), case settled for approximately \$100 million
- **Paraschos v. YBM Magnex Int'l, Inc.**, No. 98-CV-6444 (E.D. Pa.), United States and Canadian cases settled for \$85 million Canadian

PUBLICATIONS

- "Board Diversity: The Time for Change is Now, Will Shareholders Step Up?," *National Council on Teacher Retirement. FYI Newsletter* May 2021
- "The Dangers of Relying on Custodians to Collect Class Action Settlements.", *The Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) Investment Insights April-May Edition* (2021)
- "The Dangers of Relying on Custodians to Collect Class Action Settlements.", *Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (MAPERS) Newsletter* (2021)
- "The Dangers of Relying on Custodians to Collect Class Action Settlements.", *Florida Public Pension Trustees Association (FPPTA)* (2021)
- "NY Securities Rulings Don't Constitute Cyan Backlash", *Law360* (March 8, 2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.", *Building Trades News Newsletter* (2020-2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.", *The Texas Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (TEXPERS) Monitor* (2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.", *Michigan Association of Public Employee Retirement Systems (MAPERS) Newsletter* (2021)
- "Best Practices for Monitoring Your Securities Portfolio in 2021.", *Florida Public Pension Trustees Association (FPPTA)* (2021)
- Delaware Court Dismisses Compensation Case Against Goldman Sachs, *ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments* (Nov. 7, 2011)
- SDNY Questions SEC Settlement Practices in Citigroup Settlement, *ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments* (Nov. 7, 2011)
- New York Court Dismisses Shareholder Suit Against Goldman Sachs, *ABA Section of Securities Litigation News & Developments* (Oct. 31, 2011)

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, LL.M. Master of Law(s) Taxation (1997)
- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (1995)
- Brooklyn College, B.S., Accounting, *summa cum laude* (1992)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1998)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1998)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2006)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2010)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2011)
- United States District Court of New Jersey (2012)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit (2013)

AWARDS





JOSEPH E. LEVI

MANAGING PARTNER

Joseph E. Levi is a central figure in shaping and managing the Firm's securities litigation practice. Mr. Levi has been lead or co-lead in dozens of cases involving the enforcement of shareholder rights in the context of mergers & acquisitions and securities fraud. In addition to his involvement in class action litigation, he has represented numerous patent holders in enforcing their patent rights in areas including computer hardware, software, communications, and information processing, and has been instrumental in obtaining substantial awards and settlements.

Mr. Levi and the Firm achieved success on behalf of the former shareholders of Occam Networks in litigation challenging the Company's merger with Calix, Inc., obtaining a preliminary injunction against the merger due to material representations and omissions in the proxy solicitation. **Chen v. Howard-Anderson**, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch.). Vigorous litigation efforts continued to trial, resulting in a \$35 million recovery for shareholders.

Mr. Levi and the Firm served as lead counsel in **Weigard v. Hicks**, No. 5732-VCS (Del. Ch.), which challenged the acquisition of Health Grades by affiliates of Vestar Capital Partners. Mr. Levi successfully demonstrated to the Court of Chancery that the defendants had likely breached their fiduciary duties to Health Grades' shareholders by failing to maximize shareholder value. This ruling was used to reach a favorable settlement where defendants agreed to a host of measures designed to increase the likelihood of superior bid. Vice Chancellor Strine "applaud[ed]" the litigation team for their preparation and the extraordinary high-quality of the briefing.

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"[The court] appreciated very much the quality of the argument..., the obvious preparation that went into it, and the ability of counsel..."

Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock, III in Dias v. Purches, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. Apr. 5, 2012)

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D.,*magna cum laude* (1995)
- Polytechnic University, B.S., *summa cum laude* (1984); M.S. (1986)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States Patent and Trademark Office (1997)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1997)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1997)

AWARDS



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NICHOLAS I. PORRITT

PARTNER

Nicholas Porritt prosecutes securities class actions, shareholder class actions, derivative actions, and mergers and acquisitions litigation. He has extensive experience representing plaintiffs and defendants in a wide variety of complex commercial litigation, including civil fraud, breach of contract, and professional malpractice, as well as defending SEC investigations and enforcement actions. Mr. Porritt has helped recover hundreds of millions of dollars on behalf of shareholders. He was one of the Lead Counsel in **In re Google Inc. Class C Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7469-CS (Del. Ch.), which resulted in a payment of \$522 million to shareholders and overall benefit of over \$3 billion to Google's minority shareholders. He was one of the lead counsel in **Chen v. Howard-Anderson**, No. 5878-VCL (Del. Ch.) that settled during trial resulting in a \$35 million payment to the former shareholders of Occam Networks, Inc., one of the largest quasi-appraisal recoveries for shareholders. Amongst other cases, he is currently lead counsel in **In re Tesla, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 3:18-cv-04865-EMC (N.D. Cal.), representing Tesla investors who were harmed by Elon Musk's "funding secured" tweet from August 7, 2018 as well as lead counsel in **Ford v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.**, No. 14-cv-396 (D. Neb.), representing TD Ameritrade customers harmed by its improper routing of their orders. Both cases involve over \$1 billion in estimated damages.

Some of Mr. Porritt's recent cases include:

- **In re Tesla, Inc. Sec. Litig.**, 2020 WL 1873441 (N.D. Cal. 2020)
- **In Re Aphria, Inc. Securities Litigation**, 2020 WL 5819548 (S.D.N.Y. 2020)
- **Voulgaris, v. Array Biopharma Inc.**, 2020 WL 8367829 (D. Colo. 2020)
- **In Re Aphria, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 18 CIV. 11376 (GBD), 2020 WL 5819548 (S.D.N.Y. 2020)
- **In re Clovis Oncology, Inc. Deriv. Litig.**, 2019 WL 4850188 (Del. Ch. 2019)
- **Martin v. Altisource Residential Corp.**, 2019 WL 2762923 (D.V.I. 2019)
- **In re Navient Corp. Sec. Litig.**, 2019 WL 7288881 (D.N.J. 2019)
- **In re Bridgestone Inv. Corp.**, 789 Fed. App'x 13 (9th Cir. 2019)
- **Klein v. TD Ameritrade Holding Corp.**, 327 F.R.D. 283 (D. Neb. 2018)
- **Beezley v. Fenix Parts, Inc.**, 2018 WL 3454490 (N.D. Ill. 2018)
- **In re PTC Therapeutics Sec. Litig.**, 2017 WL 3705801 (D.N.J. 2017)
- **Zaghian v. Farrell**, 675 Fed. Appx. 718 (9th Cir. 2017)
- **Gormley v. magicJack VocalTec Ltd.**, 220 F. Supp. 3d 510 (S.D.N.Y. 2016)
- **Carlton v. Cannon**, 184 F. Supp. 3d 428 (S.D. Tex. 2016)

- **In re Violin Memory Sec. Litig.**, 2014 WL 5525946 (N.D. Cal. Oct. 31, 2014)
- **Garnitschnig v. Horovitz**, 48 F. Supp. 3d 820 (D. Md. 2014)
- **SEC v. Cuban**, 620 F.3d 551 (5th Cir. 2010)
- **Cozzarelli v. Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, 549 F.3d 618 (4th Cir. 2008)
- **Teachers' Retirement System of Louisiana v. Hunter**, 477 F.3d 162 (4th Cir. 2007)

Mr. Porritt was selected by Lawdragon as one of the 500 leading plaintiff lawyers in financial litigation and was selected to the 2020 DC Super Lawyers list published by Thomson Reuters.

Mr. Porritt speaks frequently on current topics relating to securities laws and derivative actions, including presentations on behalf of the Council for Institutional Investors, Nasdaq, and the Practising Law Institute. He currently serves as co-chair of the American Bar Association Sub-Committee on Derivative Actions.

Before joining the Firm, Mr. Porritt practiced as a partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP and prior to that was a partner at Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati PC. Mr. Porritt formerly practiced as a Barrister and Solicitor in Wellington, New Zealand and is a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England & Wales.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Current Trends in Securities Litigation: How Companies and Counsel Should Respond," *Inside the Minds. Recent Developments in Securities Law* (Aspatore Press 2010)

EDUCATION

- University of Chicago Law School, J.D., With Honors (1996)
- University of Chicago Law School, LL.M. (1993)
- Victoria University of Wellington, LL.B. (Hons.), With First Class Honors, Senior Scholarship (1990)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1997)
- District of Columbia (1998)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1999)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (2006)
- United States Supreme Court (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2007)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2014)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2016)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit (2017)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2019)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2019)

AWARDS





DONALD J. ENRIGHT

PARTNER

During his 24 years as a litigator and trial lawyer, Mr. Enright has handled matters in the fields of securities, commodities, consumer fraud and commercial litigation, with a particular emphasis on shareholder M&A and securities fraud class action litigation. He has been named as one of the leading financial litigators in the nation by Lawdragon, as a Washington, DC "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters, and as one of the city's "Top Lawyers" by Washingtonian magazine.

Mr. Enright has shown a track record of achieving victories in federal trials and appeals, including:

- **Nathenson v. Zonagen, Inc.**, 267 F. 3d 400, 413 (5th Cir. 2001)
- **SEC v. Butler**, 2005 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 7194 (W.D. Pa. April 18, 2005)
- **Belizan v. Hershon**, 434 F. 3d 579 (D.C. Cir. 2006)
- **Rensel v. Centra Tech, Inc.**, 2021 WL 2659784 (11th Cir. June 29, 2021)

Most recently, in **In re Schuff International, Inc. Stockholders Litigation**, Case No. 10323-VCZ, Mr. Enright served as Co-Lead Counsel for the plaintiff class in achieving the largest recovery as a percentage of the underlying transaction consideration in Delaware Chancery Court merger class action history, obtaining an aggregate recovery of more than \$22 million -- a gross increase from \$31.50 to \$67.45 in total consideration per share (a 114% increase) for tendering stockholders.

Similarly, as Co-Lead Counsel in **In re Bluegreen Corp. Shareholder Litigation**, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Cir. Ct. for Palm Beach Cnty., Fla.), Mr. Enright achieved a \$36.5 million common fund settlement in the wake of a majority shareholder buyout, representing a 25% increase in total consideration to the minority stockholders.

Also, in **In re CNX Gas Corp. Shareholders Litigation**, C.A. No. 53377-VCL (Del. Ch. 2010), in which Levi & Korsinsky served upon plaintiffs' Executive Committee, Mr. Enright helped obtain the recovery of a common fund of over \$42.7 million for stockholders.

Mr. Enright has also played a leadership role in numerous securities and shareholder class actions from inception to conclusion. Most recently, he has served as lead counsel in several cryptocurrency-related securities class actions. His leadership has produced multi-million-dollar recoveries in shareholder class actions involving such companies as:

- Allied Irish Banks PLC
- Iridium World Communications, Ltd.
- En Pointe Technologies, Inc.
- PriceSmart, Inc.
- Polk Audio, Inc.
- Meade Instruments Corp.
- Xicor, Inc.
- Streamlogic Corp.
- Interbank Funding Corp.
- Riggs National Corp.
- UTStarcom, Inc.
- Manugistics Group, Inc.

Mr. Enright also has a successful track record of obtaining injunctive relief in connection with shareholder M&A litigation, having won preliminary injunctions or other injunctive relief in the cases of:

- **In re Portec Rail Products, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, G.D. 10-3547 (Ct. Com. Pleas Pa. 2010)
- **In re Craftmade International, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011)
- **Dias v. Purches**, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Complete Genomics, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litig.**, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015)

Mr. Enright has also demonstrated considerable success in obtaining deal price increases for shareholders in M&A litigation. As Co-Lead Counsel in the matter of **In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc.** **Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), Mr. Enright was partially responsible for a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration and waiver of several “don’t-ask-don’t-waive” standstill agreements that were precluding certain potential bidders from making a topping bid for the company.

Similarly, Mr. Enright served as Co-Lead Counsel in the case of **Berger v. Life Sciences Research, Inc.**, No. SOM-C-12006-09 (NJ Sup. Ct. 2009), which caused a significant increase in the transaction price from \$7.50 to \$8.50 per share, representing additional consideration for shareholders of approximately \$11.5 million.

Mr. Enright also served as Co-Lead Counsel in **Minerva Group, LP v. Keane**, Index No. 800621/2013 (NY Sup. Ct. of Erie Cnty.) and obtained a settlement in which Defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share.

The courts have consistently recognized and praised the quality of Mr. Enright’s work. In **In re Interbank Funding Corp. Securities Litigation** (D.D.C. 02-1490), Judge Bates of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia observed that Mr. Enright had “...skillfully, efficiently, and zealously represented the class, and... worked relentlessly throughout the course of the case.”

Similarly, in **Freeland v. Iridium World Communications, LTD**, (D.D.C. 99-1002), Judge Nanette Laughrey stated that Mr. Enright had done “an outstanding job” in connection with the recovery of \$43.1 million for the shareholder class.

And, in the matter of **Osieczanek v. Thomas Properties Group**, C.A. No. 9029-VCG (Del. Ch. 2013), Vice Chancellor Sam Glasscock of the Chancery Court of Delaware observed that “it’s always a pleasure to have counsel [like Mr. Enright] who are articulate and exuberant in presenting their position,” and that Mr. Enright’s prosecution of a merger case was “wholesome” and served as “a model of . . . plaintiffs’ litigation in the merger arena.”

PUBLICATIONS

- "SEC Enforcement Actions and Investigations in Private and Public Offerings," Securities: Public and Private Offerings, Second Edition, West Publishing 2007
- "Dura Pharmaceuticals: Loss Causation Redefined or Merely Clarified?" J. Tax'n & Reg. Fin. Inst. September/October 2007, Page 5

EDUCATION

- George Washington University School of Law, J.D. (1996), where he was a Member Editor of The George Washington University Journal of International Law and Economics from 1994 to 1996
- Drew University, B.A., Political Science and Economics, *cum laude* (1993)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (1996)
- New Jersey (1996)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (1997)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (1997)
- District of Columbia (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1999)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (1999)
- United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2005)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2017)

AWARDS





SHANNON L. HOPKINS

PARTNER

Shannon L. Hopkins manages the Firm's Connecticut office. She was selected in 2013 as a New York "Super Lawyer" by Thomson Reuters. For more than a decade Ms. Hopkins has been prosecuting a wide range of complex class action matters in securities fraud, mergers and acquisitions, and consumer fraud litigation on behalf of individuals and large institutional clients. Ms. Hopkins has played a lead role in numerous shareholder securities fraud and merger and acquisition matters and has been involved in recovering multimillion-dollar settlements on behalf of shareholders, including:

- **In re Force Protection, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. A-11-651336-B (D. Nev. 2015), \$11 million shareholder recovery
- **Craig Telke v. New Frontier Media, Inc.**, C.A. No. 1:12-cv-02941-JLK (D. Co. 2015), \$2.25 million shareholder recovery
- **Shona Investments v. Callisto Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**, C.A. No. 652783/2012 (NY Sup. Ct. 2015), shareholder recovery of \$2.5 million and increase in exchange ratio from 0.1700 to 0.1799
- **E-Trade Financial Corp. S'holder Litig.**, No. 07-cv-8538 (S.D.N.Y. 2007), \$79 million recovery for the shareholder class
- **In re Cogent, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 5780-VCP (Del. Ch. 2010), \$1.9 million shareholder recovery and corrective disclosures relating to the Merger
- **In re CMS Energy Sec. Litig.**, Civil No. 02 CV 72004 (GCS) (E.D. Mich. Sept. 6, 2007), \$200 million recovery
- **In re Sears, Roebuck and Co. Sec. Litig.**, No. 02-cv-07527 (N.D. Ill. Jan. 8, 2007), \$200 million recovery
- **In re El Paso Electric Co. Sec. Litig.**, C.A. No. 3:03-cv-00004-DB (W.D. Tex. Sept. 15, 2005), \$10 million recovery
- **In re Novastar Fin. Sec. Litig.**, 4:04-cv-00330-ODS (W.D. Mo. Apr. 14, 2009), \$7.25 million recovery

The quality of Ms. Hopkins' work has been noted by courts. In **In re Health Grades, Inc. Shareholder Litigation**, C.A. No. 5716-VCS (Del. Ch. 2010), where Ms. Hopkins was significantly involved with the briefing of the preliminary injunction motion, then Vice Chancellor Strine "applaud[ed]" Co-Lead Counsel for their preparation and the extraordinary high-quality of the briefing.

In addition to her legal practice, Ms. Hopkins is a Certified Public Accountant (1998 Massachusetts). Prior to becoming an attorney, Ms. Hopkins was a senior auditor with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, where she led audit engagements for large publicly held companies in a variety of industries.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Cybercrime Convention: A Positive Beginning to a Long Road Ahead," 2 J. High Tech. L. 101 (2003)

EDUCATION

- Suffolk University Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2003), where she served on the Journal for High Technology and as Vice Magister of the Phi Delta Phi International Honors Fraternity
- Bryant University, B.S.B.A., Accounting and Finance, *cum laude* (1995), where she was elected to the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts (2003)
- United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts (2004)
- New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (2008)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2010)
- Connecticut (2013)

AWARDS



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In appointing the Firm Lead Counsel, the Honorable Gary Allen Feess noted our “significant prior experience in securities litigation and complex class actions.”

Zaghian v. THQ, Inc., 2:12-cv-05227-GAF-JEM (C.D. Cal. Sept. 14, 2012)



GREGORY M. NESPOLE

PARTNER

Gregory Mark Nespole is a Partner of the Firm, having been previously a member of the management committee of one of the oldest firms in New York, as well as chair of that firm's investor protection practice. He specializes in complex class actions, derivative actions, and transactional litigation representing institutional investors such as public and labor pension funds, labor health and welfare benefit funds, and private institutions. Prior to practicing law, Mr. Nespole was a strategist on an arbitrage desk and an associate in a major international investment bank where he worked on structuring private placements and conducting transactional due diligence.

For over twenty years, Mr. Nespole has played a lead role in numerous shareholder securities fraud and merger and acquisition matters and has been involved in recovering multi-million-dollar settlements on behalf of shareholders, including:

- Served as co-chair of a Madoff Related Litigation Task Force that recovered over several hundred million dollars for wronged investors;
- Obtained a \$90 million award on behalf of a publicly listed company against a global bank arising out of fraudulently marketed auction rated securities;
- Successfully obtained multi-million-dollar securities litigation recoveries and/or corporate governance reforms from Cablevision, JP Morgan, American Pharmaceutical Partners, Sepracor, and MBIA, among many others.

Mr. Nespole's peers have elected him a "Super Lawyer" in the class action field annually since 2009. He is active in his community as a youth sports coach.

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (1993)
- Bates College, B.A. (1989)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1994)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (1994)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (1994)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (1994)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit (1994)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1994)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2018)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit (2019)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2020)

AWARDS





DANIEL TEPPER

PARTNER

Daniel Tepper is a Partner of the Firm with extensive experience in shareholder derivative suits, class actions and complex commercial litigation. Before he joined Levi & Korsinsky, Mr. Tepper was a partner in one of the oldest law firms in New York. He is an active member of the CPLR Committee of the New York State Bar Association and was an early member of its Electronic Discovery Committee. Mr. Tepper has been selected as a New York "Super Lawyer" in 2016 – 2020.

Some of the notable matters where Mr. Tepper had a leading role include:

- **Siegmund v. Bian**, Case No. 16-62506 (S.D. Fla.), achieving an estimated recovery of \$29.93 per share on behalf of a class of public shareholders of Linkwell Corp. who were forced to sell their stock at \$0.88 per share.
- **In re Platinum-Beechwood Litigation**, Case No. 18-06658 (S.D.N.Y.), achieved dismissal on behalf of an individual investor in Platinum Partners-affiliated investment fund.
- **Lakatamia Shipping Co. Ltd. v. Nobu Su**, Index No. 654860/2016 (Sup. Ct., N.Y. Co. 2016), achieved dismissal on suit attempting to domesticate a \$40 million UK judgment in New York State.
- **Zelouf Int'l Corp. v. Zelouf**, 45 Misc.3d 1205(A) (Sup.Ct. N.Y. Co., 2014), representing the plaintiff in an appraisal proceeding triggered by freeze-out merger of closely-held corporation. Achieved a \$10 million verdict after eleven day trial, with the Court rejecting a discount for lack of marketability.
- **Sacher v. Beacon Assocs. Mgmt. Corp.**, 114 A.D.3d 655 (2d Dep't 2014), affirming denial of defendants' motion to dismiss shareholder derivative suit by Madoff feeder fund against fund's auditor for accounting malpractice.
- **In re Belzberg**, 95 A.D.3d 713 (1st Dep't 2012), compelling a non-signatory to arbitrate brokerage agreement dispute arising under doctrine of direct benefits estoppel.
- **Estate of DeLeo**, Case No. 353758/A (Surrog. Ct., Nassau Co. 2011), achieving a full plaintiff's verdict after a seven day trial which restored a multi-million dollar family business to its rightful owner.
- **CMIA Partners Equity Ltd. v. O'Neill**, 2010 NY Slip Op 52068(U) (Sup. Ct. N.Y. Co., 2010). Representing the independent directors of a Cayman Islands investment fund, won a dismissal on the pleadings in the first New York state case examining shareholder derivative suits under Cayman Islands law.
- **Hecht v. Andover Assocs. Mgmt. Corp.**, 27 Misc 3d 1202(A) (Sup. Ct. Nassau Co., 2010), aff'd, 114 A.D.3d 638 (2d Dep't 2014). Participated in a \$213 million global settlement in the first Madoffrelated feeder fund in the country to defeat a motion to dismiss.

EDUCATION

- New York University School of Law, J.D. (2000)
- The University of Texas at Austin, B.A. with Honors (1997), National Merit Scholar

ADMISSIONS

- Massachusetts (retired)
- New York (2002)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Western District of New York (2019)

AWARDS





ELIZABETH K. TRIPODI

PARTNER

Elizabeth K. Tripodi focuses her practice on shareholder M&A litigation, representing shareholders of public companies impacted by mergers, acquisitions, tender offers, and other change-in-control transactions. Ms. Tripodi has been named as a Washington, DC "Super Lawyer" and was selected as a "Rising Star" by Thomson Reuters for several consecutive years.

Ms. Tripodi has played a lead role in obtaining monetary recoveries for shareholders in M&A litigation:

- **In re Schuff International, Inc. Stockholders Litigation**, Case No. 10323-VCZ, achieving the largest recovery as a percentage of the underlying transaction consideration in Delaware Chancery Court merger class action history, obtaining an aggregate recovery of more than \$22 million -- a gross increase from \$31.50 to \$67.45 in total consideration per share (a 114% increase) for tendering stockholders.
- **In re Bluegreen Corp. S'holder Litig.**, Case No. 502011CA018111 (Circuit Ct. for Palm Beach Cty., FL), creation of a \$36.5 million common fund settlement in the wake of a majority shareholder buyout, representing a 25% increase in total consideration to the minority stockholders
- **In re Cybex International S'holder Litig.**, Index No. 653794/2012 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2014), recovery of \$1.8 million common fund, which represented an 8% increase in stockholder consideration in connection with management-led cash-out merger
- **In re Great Wolf Resorts, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 7328-VCN (Del. Ch. 2012), where there was a \$93 million (57%) increase in merger consideration
- **Minerva Group, LP v. Keane**, Index No. 800621/2013 (N.Y. Sup. Ct. 2013), settlement in which Defendants increased the price of an insider buyout from \$8.40 to \$9.25 per share

Ms. Tripodi has played a key role in obtaining injunctive relief while representing shareholders in connection with M&A litigation, including obtaining preliminary injunctions or other injunctive relief in the following actions:

- **In re Portec Rail Products, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, G.D. 10-3547 (Ct. Com. Pleas Pa. 2010)
- **In re Craftmade International, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 6950-VCL (Del. Ch. 2011)
- **Dias v. Purches**, C.A. No. 7199-VCG (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Complete Genomics, Inc. S'holder Litig.**, C.A. No. 7888-VCL (Del. Ch. 2012)
- **In re Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc. Stockholder Litig.**, Lead Case No. 115CV279142 (Sup. Ct. Santa Clara, CA 2015)

Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Tripodi was a member of the litigation team that served as Lead Counsel in, and was responsible for, the successful prosecution of numerous class actions, including: Rudolph v. UTStarcom (stock option backdating litigation obtaining a \$9.5 million settlement); Grecian v. Meade Instruments (stock option backdating litigation obtaining a \$3.5 million settlement).

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, *cum laude* (2006), where she served as Editor in Chief of the Business Law Brief, was a member of the National Environmental Moot Court team, and interned for Environmental Enforcement Section at the Department of Justice
- Davidson College, B.A., Art History (2000)

ADMISSIONS

- Virginia (2006)
- District of Columbia (2008)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia (2006)
- United States District Court for the District of Columbia (2010)

AWARDS





ADAM M. APTON

PARTNER

Adam M. Apton focuses his practice on investor protection. He represents institutional investors and high net worth individuals in securities fraud, corporate governance, and shareholder rights litigation. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Apton defended corporate clients against complex mass tort, commercial, and products liability lawsuits. Thomson Reuters has selected Mr. Apton to the Super Lawyers Washington, DC "Rising Stars" list every year since 2016, a distinction given to only the top 2.5% of lawyers.

Mr. Apton's past representations and successes include:

- **In re Tesla, Inc. Securities Litigation**, No. 3:18-cv-04865-EMC (N.D. Cal.) (lead counsel in class action representing Tesla investors who were harmed by Elon Musk's "funding secured" tweet from August 7, 2018)
- **In re Navient Corp. Securities Litigation**, 17-8373 (RBK/AMD) (D.N.J.) (lead counsel in class action against leading provider of student loans for alleged false and misleading statements about compliance with consumer protection laws)
- **In re Prothena Corporation Plc Securities Litigation**, 1:18-cv-06425-ALC (S.D.N.Y.) (\$15.75 million settlement fund against international drug company for false statements about development of lead biopharmaceutical product)
- **Martin v. Altisource Residential Corporation**, et al., 15-00024 (AET) (GWC) (D.V.I.) (\$15.5 million settlement fund against residential mortgage company for false statements about compliance with consumer regulations and corporate governance protocols)
- **Levin v. Resource Capital Corp., et al.**, 1:15-cv-07081-LLS (S.D.N.Y.) (\$9.5 million settlement in class action over fraudulent statements about toxic mezzanine loan assets)
- **Rux v. Meyer (Sirius XM Holdings Inc.)**, No. 11577 (Del. Ch.) (recovery of \$8.25 million against SiriusXM's Board of Directors for engaging in harmful related-party transactions with controlling stockholder, John. C. Malone and Liberty Media Corp.)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Pleading Section 11 Liability for Secondary Offerings" American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Jan. 4, 2017)
- "Second Circuit Rules in Indiana Public Retirement System v. SAIC, Inc." American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Apr. 4, 2016)
- "Second Circuit Applies Omnicare to Statements of Opinion in Sanofi" American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Mar. 30, 2016)
- "Second Circuit Rules in Action AG v. China North" American Bar Association: *Practice Points* (Sept. 14, 2015)

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D., *cum laude* (2009), where he served as Articles Editor of the New York Law School Law Review and interned for the New York State Supreme Court, Commercial Division
- University of Minnesota, B.A., Entrepreneurial Management & Psychology, With Distinction (2006)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2010)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2010)
- District of Columbia (2013)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2016)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2016)
- California (2017)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2017)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2017)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2017)
- New Jersey (2020)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2020)

AWARDS





MARK S. REICH

PARTNER

Mark Samuel Reich is a Partner of the Firm. Mark's practice focuses on consumer class actions, including cases involving privacy and data breach issues, deceptive and unfair trade practices, advertising injury, product defect, and antitrust violations. Mark, who has experience and success outside the consumer arena, also supports the Firm's securities and derivative practices.

Mark is attentive to clients' interests and fosters their activism on behalf of class members. Clients he has worked with consistently and enthusiastically endorse Mark's work:



“ Mark attentively guided me through each stage of the litigation, prepared me for my deposition, and ensured that I and other wronged consumers were compensated and that purchasers in the future could not be duped by the appliance manufacturer's misleading marketing tactics.”

- Katherine Danielkiewicz, Michigan



“ After my experience working with Mark and his colleague, any hesitancy I may have had in the past about leading or participating in a class action has gone away. Mark expertly countered every roadblock that the corporate defendant tried using to dismiss our case and we ultimately reached a resolution that exceeded my expectations”

- Barry Garfinkle, Pennsylvania

Before joining Levi Korsinsky, Mark practiced at the largest class action firm in the country for more than 15 years, including 8 years as a Partner. Prior to becoming a consumer and shareholder advocate, Mark practiced commercial litigation with an international law firm based in New York, where he defended litigations on behalf of a variety of corporate clients.

Mark has represented investors in securities litigation, devoted to protecting the rights of institutional and individual investors who were harmed by corporate misconduct. His case work involved **State Street Yield Plus Fund Litig.** (\$6.25 million recovery); **In re Doral Fin. Corp. Sec. Litig., SDNY** (\$129 million recovery); **Lockheed Martin Corp. Sec. Litig.** (\$19.5 million recovery); **Tile Shop Holdings, Inc.** (\$9.5 million settlement); **Curran v. Freshpet Inc.** (\$10.1 million settlement); **In re Jakks Pacific, Inc.** (\$3,925,000 settlement); **Fidelity Ultra Short Bond Fund Litig.** (\$7.5 million recovery); and **Cha v. Kinross Gold Corp.** (\$33 million settlement).

“ Never having been involved in a class action, I was uninformed and apprehensive. Mark and his colleagues not only explained the complexities, but maintained extensive ongoing, communications, involved us fully in all phases of the process; provided appropriate professional counsel and guidance to each participant, and achieved results that satisfied the original goals of the litigation”

- Fred Sharp, New York

“ It was a pleasure being represented by Mark. Above all he was patient throughout the tedious process of litigation. He is a good listener and a good communicator, which enhanced my participation and understanding of the process. He also provided excellent follow up throughout, making the process feel more like a team effort.”

- Louise Miljenovic, New Jersey

At his prior firm, Mark achieved notable success challenging unfair mergers and acquisitions in courts throughout the country. Among the M&A litigation that Mark handled or participated in, his notable cases include: **In re Aramark Corp. S'holders Litig.**, where he attained a \$222 million increase in consideration paid to shareholders of Aramark and a substantial reduction to management's voting power – from 37% to 3.5% – in connection with the approval of the going-private transaction; **In re Delphi Fin. Grp. S'holders Litig.**, resulting in a \$49 million post-merger settlement for Class A Delphi shareholders; **In re TD Banknorth S'holders Litig.**, where Mark played a significant role in raising the inadequacy of the \$3 million initial settlement, which the court rejected as wholly inadequate, and later resulted in a vastly increased \$50 million recovery. Mark has also been part of ERISA litigation teams that led to meaningful results, including **In re Gen. Elec. Co. ERISA Litig.**, which resulting in structural changes to company's 401(k) plan valued at over \$100 million, benefiting current and future plan participants.

“ We contacted Mark about our concerns about our oven's failure to perform as advertised. He worked with us to formulate a strategy that ultimately led to a settlement that achieved our and others' goals and specific needs.”

- Candace Oliarny, Idaho

“ My wife and I never having been involved with a law firm or Class Action had no idea what to expect. Within the first few phone meetings with Mark, we became assured as Mark explained in detail how the process worked, Mark is a great communicator. Mr. Reich is a true professional, his integrity through the years he worked with us was impeccable. Working with Mark was a truly positive experience, and have no reservations if we ever had to call on his services again.”

- Richard Thome, California

Before joining the Firm, Mark graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Queens College in New York. He earned his Juris Doctor degree from Brooklyn Law School, where he served on the Moot Court Honor Society and The Journal of Law and Policy.

Mark regularly practices in federal and state courts throughout the country and is a member of the bar in New York. He has been recognized for his legal work by being named a New York Metro Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers Magazine every year since 2013. Mark is active in his local community and has been distinguished for his neighborhood support with a Certificate of Recognition by the Town of Hempstead.

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D. (2000)
- Queens College, B.A., Psychology and Journalism (1997)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2001)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of New York (2005)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (2017)

AWARDS



OUR ATTORNEYS

Counsel



ANDREW E. LENCYK

COUNSEL

Andrew E. Lencyk is Counsel to the Firm. Prior to joining the Firm, Mr. Lencyk was a partner in an established boutique firm in New York specializing in securities litigation. He was graduated magna cum laude from Fordham College, New York, with a B.A. in Economics and History, where he was a member of the College's Honors Program, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Mr. Lencyk received his J.D. from Fordham University School of Law, where he was a member of the Fordham Urban Law Journal. He was named to the 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Super Lawyers ®, New York Metro Edition.

Mr. Lencyk has co-authored the following articles for the Practicing Law Institute's Accountants' Liability Handbooks:

- Liability in Forecast and Projection Engagements: Impact of *Luce v. Edelstein*
- An Accountant's Duty to Disclose Internal Control Weaknesses
- Whistle-blowing: An Accountants' Duty to Disclose A Client's Illegal Acts
- Pleading Motions under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995
- Discovery Issues in Cases Involving Auditors (co-authored and appeared in the 2002 PLI Handbook on Accountants' Liability After Enron.)

In addition, he co-authored the following article for the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Corporate & Securities Law Updates:

- Safe Harbor Provisions for Forward-Looking Statements (co-authored and published by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, Corporate & Securities Law Updates, Vol. II, May 12, 2000)

Cases in which Mr. Lencyk actively represented plaintiffs include:

- **Kirkland et al. v. WideOpenWest, Inc.**, Index No. 653248/2018 (Sup. Ct, NY County) (substantially denying defendants' motion to dismiss Section 11 and 12(a)(2) claims)
- **In re Community Psychiatric Centers Securities Litigation**, SA CV-91-533-AHS (Eex) (C.D. Cal.) and McGann v. Ernst & Young, SA CV-93-0814-AHS (Eex) (C.D. Cal.)(recovery of \$54.5 million against company and its outside auditors)
- **In re Danskin Securities Litigation**, Master File No. 92 CIV. 8753 (JSM) (S.D.N.Y.);
- **In re JWP Securities Litigation**, Master File No. 92 Civ. 5815 (WCC) (S.D.N.Y.) (class recovery of approximately \$36 million)

- **In re Porta Systems Securities Litigation**, Master File No. 93 Civ. 1453 (TCP) (E.D.N.Y.);
- **In re Leslie Fay Cos. Securities Litigation**, No. 92 Civ. 8036 (S.D.N.Y.) (\$35 million recovery)
- **Berke v. Presstek, Inc.**, Civ. No. 96-347-M (MDL Docket No. 1140) (D.N.H.) (\$22 million recovery)
- **In re Micro Focus Securities Litigation**, No. C-01-01352-SBA-WDB (N.D. Cal.)
- **Dusek v. Mattel, Inc., et al.**, CV99-10864 MRP (C.D. Cal.) (\$122 million global settlement)
- **In re Sonus Networks, Inc. Securities Litigation-II**, No. 06-CV-10040 (MLW) (D. Mass.)
- **In re AIG ERISA Litigation**, No. 04 Civ. 9387 (JES) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$24.2 million recovery)
- **In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation**, MDL No. 1586 (D. Md.)
- **In re Alger, Columbia, Janus, MFS, One Group, Putnam, Allianz Dresdner**, MDL No. 15863-JFM - Allianz Dresdner subtrack (D. Md.)
- **In re Alliance, Franklin/Templeton, Bank of America/Nations Funds and Pilgrim Baxter**, MDL No. 15862-AMD – Franklin/Templeton subtrack (D. Md.)
- **In re AIG ERISA Litigation II**, No. 08 Civ. 5722 (LTS) (S.D.N.Y.) (\$40 million recovery); and
- **Flynn v. Sientra, Inc.**, CV-15-07548 SJO (RAOx) (C.D. Cal.) (\$10.9 million recovery) (co-lead counsel)

Court decisions in which Mr. Lencyk played an active role on behalf of plaintiffs include:

- **Pub. Empls' Ret. Sys. of Miss. v. TreeHouse Foods**, 2018 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 22717 (N.D. Ill. Feb. 12, 2018) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety)
- **Flynn v. Sientra, Inc.**, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 83409 (C.D. Cal. June 9, 2016) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss Section 10(b), Section 11 and 12(b)(2) claims), motion for reconsideration denied, slip op. (C.D. Cal. Aug 12, 2016)
- **In re Principal U.S. Property Account ERISA Litigation**, 274 F.R.D. 649 (S.D. Iowa 2011) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss)
- **In re AIG ERISA Litigation II**, No. 08 Civ. 5722(LTS), 2011 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 35717 (S.D.N.Y. May 31, 2011) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss), renewed motion to dismiss denied, slip op. (S.D.N.Y. June 26, 2014)
- **In re Mutual Funds Investment Litigation**, 384 F. Supp. 2d 845 (D. Md. 2005) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss), In re Alger, Columbia, Janus, MFS, One Group, Putnam, Allianz Dresdner, MDL No. 15863-JFM - Allianz Dresdner subtrack (D. Md. Nov. 3, 2005) (denying in substantial part defendants' motions to dismiss), and In re Alliance, Franklin/Templeton, Bank of America/Nations Funds and Pilgrim Baxter, MDL No. 15862-AMD – Franklin/Templeton subtrack (D. Md. June 27, 2008) (same)
- **In re AIG ERISA Litigation**, No. 04 Civ. 9387 (JES) (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 12, 2006) (denying defendants' motions to dismiss in their entirety)

- **Dusek v. Mattel, Inc., et al.**, CV99-10864 MRP (C.D. Cal. Dec. 17, 2001) (denying defendants' motions to dismiss Section 14(a) complaint in their entirety)
- **In re Micro Focus Sec. Litig.**, Case No. C-00-20055 SW (N.D. Cal. Dec. 20, 2000) (denying motion to dismiss Section 11 complaint);
- **Zuckerman v. FoxMeyer Health Corp.**, 4 F. Supp.2d 618 (N.D. Tex. 1998) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety in one of the first cases decided in the Fifth Circuit under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)
- **In re U.S. Liquids Securities Litigation**, Master File No. H-99-2785 (S.D. Tex. Jan. 23, 2001) (denying motion to dismiss Section 11 claims)
- **Sands Point Partners, L.P., et al. v. Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc., et al.**, Case No. 99-6181-CIV-Zloch (S.D. Fla. June 6, 2000) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss in its entirety)
- **Berke v. Presstek, Inc.**, Civ. No. 96-347-M (MDL Docket No. 1140) (D.N.H. Mar. 30, 1999) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss)
- **Chalverus v. Pegasisystems, Inc.**, 59 F. Supp. 2d 226 (D. Mass. 1999) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss);
- **Danis v. USN Communications, Inc.**, 73 F. Supp. 2d 923 (N.D. Ill. 1999) (denying defendants' motion to dismiss)

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D. (1992)
- Fordham College, B.A. *magna cum laude*, 1988

ADMISSIONS

- New York (1993)
- Connecticut (1992)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2004)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit (2015)

AWARDS





KRISTINA MENTONE

COUNSEL

Kristina Mentone is Counsel at the Firm. She is a seasoned litigator with more than 15 years of experience in complex securities litigation. Ms. Mentone previously represented investors in residential mortgage backed securities, helping to recover several billions of dollars of damages for her clients. She has represented both plaintiffs and defendants in complex class actions and has represented major financial institutions in high-stakes regulatory investigations.

EDUCATION

- Fordham University School of Law, J.D., *cum laude*, Order of the Coif (2003)
- New York University, B.A., *cum laude* (1999)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2004)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2005)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2009)

OUR ATTORNEYS

Associates



JORDAN A. CAFRITZ

ASSOCIATE

Jordan Cafritz is an Associate with the Firm's Washington, D.C. office. While attending law school at American University he was an active member of the American University Business Law Review and worked as a Rule 16 attorney in the Criminal Justice Defense Clinic. After graduating from law school, Mr. Cafritz clerked for the Honorable Paul W. Grimm in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland.

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, B.A., Economics & History (2010)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2014)
- District of Columbia (2018)



BRIGGS FENWICK-PERRY **ASSOCIATE**

Briggs Fenwick-Perry is an Associate in Levi and Korsinsky's New York office focusing on federal securities litigation. During law school, Mr. Fenwick-Perry worked with the Conservation Law and Policy Clinic drafting memorandums concerning conservation easements in the event of tax foreclosures.

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D. (2018)
- St. Edward's University, B.B.A., *cum laude* (2015)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2019)



DAVID C. JAYNES

ASSOCIATE

David C. Jaynes focuses his practice on investor protection and securities fraud litigation. In addition to his law degree, Mr. Jaynes has graduate degrees in business administration and finance. Prior to joining the firm, David worked in the Enforcement Division of the U.S Securities and Exchange Commission in the Salt Lake Regional Office as part of the Student Honors Program. Mr. Jaynes began his career as a prosecutor and has significant trial experience.

EDUCATION

- University of Utah, M.S., Finance (2020)
- University of Utah, M.B.A (2020)
- The George Washington University Law School, J.D. (2015)
- Brigham Young University, B.A., Middle East Studies and Arabic (2009)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2015)
- Utah (2016)
- United States District Court for the District of Utah (2016)



CORREY A. KAMIN

ASSOCIATE

Correy A. Kamin is an experienced litigator with a focus on shareholder derivative suits, class actions, and complex commercial litigation. Ms. Kamin began her career with the Investor Protection Bureau of the Office of the New York State Attorney General and spent four years prosecuting shareholder derivative actions and securities fraud litigation at one of the oldest firms in the country. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Kamin represented both individuals and corporations in complex business disputes at a New York litigation boutique. Ms. Kamin's unflappable disposition and composure reflect a pragmatic approach to both litigation and negotiation. She thrives under pressure and serves as an aggressive advocate for her clients in the most high-stakes situations. Ms. Kamin has been recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star every year since 2017.

EDUCATION

- The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law, J.D. (2011)
- Georgetown University, B.S.B.A. (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2015)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2016)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Unsafe Sexting: The Dangerous New Trend and the Need for Comprehensive Legal Reform," 9 Ohio St. J. Crim. L. 405 (2011)

AWARDS





MICHAEL KEATING

ASSOCIATE

Michael Keating is an Associate with the Firm's Stamford office focusing on federal securities litigation. Mr. Keating previously interned with the Division of Enforcement for the Securities and Exchange Commission while attending law school.

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2019)
- University of Connecticut, B.A Psychology (2014)

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut (2019)



ALEXANDER KROT

ASSOCIATE

EDUCATION

- American University, Kogod School of Business, M.B.A. (2012)
- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation, With Distinction (2011)
- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2010)
- The George Washington University, B.B.A., Finance and International Business (2003)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2011)
- District of Columbia (2014)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit (2016)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin (2017)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2018)



COURTNEY E. MACCARONE

ASSOCIATE

Courtney E. Maccarone focuses her practice on prosecuting consumer class actions. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Ms. Maccarone was an associate at a boutique firm in New York specializing in class action litigation. While attending Brooklyn Law School, Ms. Maccarone served as the Executive Symposium Editor of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law and was a member of the Moot Court Honor Society. Her note, "Crossing Borders: A TRIPS-Like Treaty on Quarantines and Human Rights" was published in the Spring 2011 edition of the Brooklyn Journal of International Law.

Ms. Maccarone also gained experience in law school as an intern to the Honorable Martin Glenn of the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court and as a law clerk at a New York City-based class action firm. Ms. Maccarone has been recognized as a Super Lawyer "Rising Star" for the New York Metro area for the past seven consecutive years.

EDUCATION

- Brooklyn Law School, J.D., *magna cum laude* (2011)
- New York University, B.A., *magna cum laude* (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- New Jersey (2011)
- New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the District of New Jersey (2012)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2012)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2012)

PUBLICATIONS

- "Crossing Borders: A TRIPS-Like Treaty on Quarantines and Human Rights," published in the Spring 2011 edition of the *Brooklyn Journal of International Law*

AWARDS





ADAM C. MCCALL

ASSOCIATE

Mr. McCall is an Associate with the Firm. Prior to joining Levi & Korsinsky, Mr. McCall was an extern at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Division of Corporate Finance.

EDUCATION

- Georgetown University Law Center, LL.M., Securities and Financial Regulation (2015)
- California Western School of Law, J.D., *cum laude* (2013)
- Santa Clara University, Certificate of Advanced Accounting Proficiency (2010)
- University of Southern California, B.A. Economics (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- California (2014)
- United States District Court for the Central District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Northern District of California (2015)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of California (2015)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (2016)
- District of Columbia (2017)



RYAN MESSINA

ASSOCIATE

Ryan Messina is an Associate in Levi and Korsinsky's New York office. During law school, he worked at The Land Use and Sustainable Development Clinic helping to draft ordinances for developing communities and create conservation easements. He also interned for the Commercial Division of the New York Supreme Court.

EDUCATION

- West Virginia University College of Law, J.D. (2019)
- West Virginia College of Business and Economics, M.B.A (2019)
- West Virginia University, B.A. *cum laude* (2016)

ADMISSIONS

- West Virginia (2019)
- New York (2020)



MELISSA MULLER

ASSOCIATE

Melissa Muller is an Associate with the Firm's New York Office focusing on federal securities litigation. Ms. Muller previously worked as a paralegal for the New York office while attending law school.

EDUCATION

- New York Law School, J.D., Dean's Scholar Award, member of the Dean's Leadership Council (2018)
- John Jay College of Criminal Justice, B.A. (2013), *magna cum laude*

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2019)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2020)



GREGORY M. POTREPKA

ASSOCIATE

Gregory M. Potrepka is an Associate in Levi & Korsinsky's Connecticut office. Mr. Potrepka is an experienced lawyer having litigated cases in State, Federal, and Tribal courts, at both the trial and appellate levels. While in law school, Mr. Potrepka clerked in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

EDUCATION

- University of Connecticut School of Law, J.D. (2015)
- University of Connecticut Department of Public Policy, M.P.A. (2015)
- University of Connecticut, B.A., Political Science (2010)

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut (2015)
- Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Court (2015)
- United States District Court for the District of Connecticut (2016)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2018)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2018)
- United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (2020)



ANDREW ROCCO

ASSOCIATE

Andrew Rocco is an Associate with the Firm in the Connecticut office. As a law student, he interned for the Office of the Attorney General for the State of Connecticut in the Employment Rights Department and served as the Editor-in-Chief of the Quinnipiac Probate Law Journal.

EDUCATION

- Quinnipiac University School of Law, J.D., *summa cum laude* (2017)
- Champlain College, B.A., Legal Studies, *summa cum laude* (2014)

ADMISSIONS

- Connecticut (2017)



BRIAN STEWART

ASSOCIATE

Brian Stewart is an Associate with the Firm practicing in the Washington, D.C. office. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Stewart was an associate at a small litigation firm in Washington D.C. and a regulatory analyst at the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). During law school, he interned for the Enforcement Divisions of the SEC and CFPB.

EDUCATION

- American University Washington College of Law, J.D. (2012)
- University of Washington, B.S., Economics and Mathematics (2008)

ADMISSIONS

- Maryland (2012)
- District of Columbia (2014)
- United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2017)
- United States District Court for the District of Colorado (2017)



MAX WEISS

ASSOCIATE

Max Weiss focuses his practice on investor protection and securities fraud litigation. He is proficient in litigation, legal research, motion practice, case evaluation and settlement negotiation. Prior to joining the firm, Max practiced in the general liability area and has extensive experience litigating high-exposure personal injury claims in New York State and federal trial and appellate courts. While in law school, Max gained experience helping pro se debtors prepare and file Chapter 7 and Chapter 13 petitions with the New York Legal Assistance Group (**NYLAG**) Bankruptcy Project and served as an intern to the Honorable Sean Lane of the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court.

EDUCATION

- St. John's School of Law, J.D. (2018), where he served as the Senior Executive Editor of the Journal of Civil Rights & Economic Development
- Colgate University, B.A., Political Science (2011)

ADMISSIONS

- New York (2019)
- United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (2019)
- United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York (2019)



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STECKLER WAYNE COCHRAN CHERRY PLLC ("SWCC"), with offices in Dallas, Texas and Waco, Texas, specializes in complex commercial litigation, class actions, construction defects, catastrophic personal injury claims, mass actions, employment litigation, and consumer cases across the country. The firm handles national cases that present cutting edge issues and its attorneys have extensive trial and arbitration experience in a variety of cases, including securities fraud and *qui tam* actions under the False Claims Act. The attorneys at SWCC understand how to litigate difficult and large cases in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and they have used these skills to obtain outstanding results for their clients. SWCC attorneys are recognized in their field for excellence and integrity, and are committed to seeking justice for their clients. Its lawyers are admitted in various state and federal jurisdictions across the United States, including in Texas, New York, Pennsylvania, California, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, and Illinois. The firm's lawyers collectively have more than a century of experience handling complex litigation.

Bruce W. Steckler has been appointed to leadership positions in multiple significant complex litigations throughout the United States, including:

- *In re Fresenius Granuflo/Naturalyte Dialysate Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2428 (District of Massachusetts);
- *In re Ford Fusion and C-Max Fuel Economy Litigation*, No. 13-MD2450 (S.D.N.Y.);
- *In re Bank Overdraft Fee Litigation*, MDL 2036 (S.D. Fla.);
- *In re Chinese Drywall Litigation*, MDL 2047 (E.D. La.);
- *In re Easy Saver Rewards Litigation* (S.D. Ca.); and
- *State of Texas Silica Litigation MDL*.

Mr. Steckler was a co-finalist for the "Trial Lawyer of the Year" award in 2012 for his work representing small businesses and individuals against America's largest banks, including Bank of America and JP Morgan Chase, which produced a combined benefit of over \$1 billion for the various classes. Mr. Steckler's legal acumen has won him recognition by D Magazine's "Best Lawyers under 40", D Magazine's "Best Lawyers" in 2009 through 2019, and Thompson Reuters as a "Texas Super Lawyer" in 2004 through 2019. Mr. Steckler enjoys an "AV Preeminent" rating by Martindale-Hubbell Law Directory, its highest peer rating. He was selected for the Plaintiff's Hot List in 2011 by the National Law Journal. He was named a finalist for Public Justice Trial Lawyer of the Year 2012, an honor that is awarded to the attorneys who "made the greatest contribution to the public interest within the past year by trying or settling a precedent-setting or socially significant case." He has also been named one of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers" by the National Trial Lawyers in 2013 through 2019. Mr. Steckler is licensed to practice law in Texas, Louisiana, New York, Pennsylvania, and Missouri, and has been admitted to practice in the United States Court of Federal Claims, as well as the following federal district and appellate courts: United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas;

United States District Courts for the Eastern and Western Districts of Louisiana; United States District Courts for the Southern, Central and Northern Districts of California; United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York; the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois; and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida; and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth and Ninth Circuits. He is also admitted to practice in The United States Supreme Court. Mr. Steckler has also authored numerous articles on litigation and been asked to speak to multiple groups on emerging issues in litigation.

Braden M. Wayne leads SWCC's corporate counsel section, where he serves as outside counsel to various private equity firms, their portfolio companies, and independent businesses. Having operated multiple healthcare and retail start-ups, Braden is an attorney who understands the nuances of business transactions and business litigation. This deep, operational experience forms the bedrock of Braden's practice today. His holistic approach leads clients to call on Braden for everything from bet-the-company litigation to debt and equity financing, real estate transactions, mergers & acquisitions, and strategic and operational advice. Braden has been consistently selected by D Magazine as one of Dallas' Best Lawyers under 40 (2018, 2019, 2020, 2021), by Super Lawyers as a Rising Star (2019, 2020, 2021), and by Best Lawyers as "One to Watch" (2021).

Braden sits on the advisory board for various clients, and serves as Chief Legal Counsel for Jarvis Analytics, a leading dental analytics software provider. Prior to joining Steckler Wayne Cochran Cherry PLLC, Braden served as co-chair of the corporate law section at a regional firm headquartered in Dallas, and as General Counsel for one of the largest diamond and jewelry retailers and wholesalers in the country. He is also a prolific speaker and writer on issues of corporate structures and its intersection with litigation.

Braden graduated magna cum laude from the University of Richmond in Richmond, Virginia, and cum laude from the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law, where he was a Dean's Scholar. He is licensed in Texas and is admitted or has been admitted for limited purposes in many federal courts across the country, including the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas; United States District Court for the Middle District of Florida; United States District Court for the District of Arizona; United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee; and the National Arbitration Forum.

Braden is often asked to serve as local or liaison class counsel in federal securities fraud cases, including:

- *Bodin v. SAExploration Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:19-cv-03089 (pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas)
- *White v. Just Energy Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:20-cv-590 (pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas)
- *Bremer v. SolarWinds Corporation, et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-2 (pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas)
- *Bettoli v. Energy Transfer LP, LE GP, LLC*, No. 3:19-cv-02890 (pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas)
- *Torres v. Berry Corporation et al.*, No. 3:20-cv-03464 (pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas)

Stuart L. Cochran has a nationally-recognized class-action practice and has repeatedly been voted by his peers as one of the Best Lawyers in Dallas, as published by D Magazine, and as a Rising Star and Super Lawyer. Stuart focuses his practice on complex commercial,

consumer, class, and catastrophic injury litigation—on both sides of the bar, having represented publicly-traded corporations, privately-held businesses, and individuals. Stuart spent the first six years of his career in the trial section of one of the largest international firms in the United States, where he gained experience in a wide variety of cases involving numerous industries, including energy, commercial real estate, telecom, IT, aerospace, accounting/audit, aviation, healthcare, logistics, insurance, commodities, and securities. He has represented clients in federal, state, and arbitration proceedings across the nation, including Texas, Alabama, Georgia, Arkansas, Missouri, Maryland, New York, Colorado, Washington, D.C., Florida, Illinois, California, Ohio, Washington state, and Massachusetts.

Stuart has been appointed class counsel in over half a dozen certified class actions, resulting in tens of millions of dollars in recovered damages and injunctive relief for class members, including:

- *Miloro v. Van's International Foods, Inc.*, No. 15PH-CV00642 (Circuit Court for Phelps County, Missouri)
- *Tovar v. Drews LLC*, No. 16-L-313 (Circuit Court for St. Clair County, Illinois)
- *Morrison and Collier v. Natural Chemistry, L.P.*, No. 16SL-CC01991 (Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri)
- *Dugan v. Topco Associates LLC*, No. 16-L-446 (Circuit Court for St. Clair County, Illinois)
- *Pryzbysz et. al. v. Kraft Heinz Foods Co.*, No. 17-L-0402 (Circuit Court for St. Clair County, Illinois)
- *Barnes et. al. v. River North Foods, Inc.*, No. 16-L-459 (Circuit Court for St. Clair County, Illinois)
- *Hansen-Mitchell et. al. v. Welspan USA, Inc., et. al.*, No. 19-L-0391 (Circuit Court for St. Clair County, Illinois)

Stuart is often asked to serve as local or liaison class counsel in federal securities fraud cases, including:

- *Cecere v. Eric S. Langan, RCI Hospitality Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:19-cv-03080 (pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas)
- *Bodin v. SAExploration Holdings, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:19-cv-03089 (pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas)
- *White v. Just Energy Group, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:20-cv-590 (pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas)
- *Bremer v. SolarWinds Corporation, et al.*, No. 1:21-cv-2 (pending in the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas)
- *Patel v. Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc., et al.*, No. 4:20-cv-00796 (pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas)
- *Bettoli v. Energy Transfer LP, LE GP, LLC*, No. 3:19-cv-02890 (pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas)
- *McKenna v. Ronald Cogburn, et al.*, No. 3:20-cv-1800 (pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas)
- *Torres v. Berry Corporation et al.*, No. 3:20-cv-03464 (pending in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas)

From 2015-2017, Stuart was chosen by the President of the State Bar of Texas to serve on the State Bar of Texas' Pattern Jury Charge Committee for the Business and Consumer Section. That Committee is responsible for editing and publishing the jury instructions and questions that are submitted in every business and consumer case across the state of Texas.

Stuart has repeatedly been selected as Super Lawyer and is AV Preeminent Rated by Martindale Hubbell, the highest rating a lawyer can attain. In 2017, Stuart was recognized by Top Verdict for obtaining one of the fifty biggest settlements in the state of Illinois. In 2018, Stuart was asked to present a mock argument at the American Bar Association's Antitrust Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. In 2020, Stuart was again recognized by Top Verdict for obtaining the second largest settlement in the state of Illinois.

Stuart is an Honors graduate of the University of Texas at Austin, where he obtained both his B.A. and his J.D. He is licensed in Texas and Missouri and is admitted or has been admitted for limited purposes in many federal courts across the country, including the United States District Courts for the Northern, Eastern, Southern, and Western Districts of Texas; United States District Courts for the Southern, and Northern Districts of California; United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois; United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio; United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, and the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.

Craig Cherry has obtained significant settlements and verdicts for his clients during his legal career. The success he has achieved for his clients is due, in no small part, to his ingenuity and relentless tenacity. Craig's tireless dedication and ability to anticipate his opponent's next move makes him the ultimate opponent in the courtroom. When it comes to litigation and trial strategy, he is regularly recognized by his peers as being at the top of the list. As a trial lawyer, Craig is triple board certified and focuses his practice on complex civil litigation in multiple areas including business litigation, intellectual property litigation, class action litigation, catastrophic personal injury litigation, and wrongful death litigation. Craig has successfully represented both individuals and businesses throughout the United States and in Europe.

Craig is Board Certified in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy. He is also Board Certified in both Civil Trial Law and Personal Injury Trial Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Craig's board certifications are so rare that less than 1% of all lawyers licensed in the State of Texas are triple board certified. Craig has also been appointed by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization to serve as a Member of the Personal Injury Trial Law Exam Commission and the Civil Trial Law Advisory Commission. Craig has also earned an AV Preeminent Rating from Martindale-Hubbell Peer Review Ratings, which is the highest possible rating a lawyer can earn for both ethical standards and legal ability. This rating was earned only after Craig was reviewed and recommended by judges Craig has appeared before and fellow lawyers Craig has worked with and against in cases. As evidence of both his advocacy skills and the superior results achieved for his clients. He was also invited to become a Fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Craig was also named the Outstanding Young Lawyer by the Waco-McLennan County Bar Association in 2005.

L. Kirstine Rogers has participated in prosecuting numerous complex commercial cases and class actions since joining Steckler Wayne Cochran Cherry PLLC. Ms. Rogers was formerly with the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas where she served as the career law clerk to the Honorable Don D. Bush from 2007 until 2016. During her tenure, Ms. Rogers researched, briefed and participated in many complex civil cases before the Court, including numerous sophisticated commercial disputes, putative class actions, breach of fiduciary duty and contractual claims and qui tam actions. In assisting the Court with the disposition and trial of civil cases, Ms. Rogers gained extensive experience in compound procedural and substantive issues arising under both state and federal law, including standing, jurisdiction and immunity.

Prior to her service with the Court, from 2001 until 2007, Ms. Rogers was an associate with the trial department of one of the oldest and most respected law firms in Dallas, Texas. There, her practice focused on complex civil cases at both the trial and appellate levels where she represented both companies and individuals in state and federal court and proceedings before the American Arbitration Association. Ms. Rogers is also a member of the Texas Bar College, an achievement attained by fewer than 10 percent of the lawyers in Texas.

Michael R. Steinmark is a tenacious, creative, and skilled litigator, for which he has been recognized in Thomson Reuters' Texas Super Lawyers / Rising Stars consistently since 2010. Michael's dual experience handling cases in state and federal trial and appellate courts and arbitration across the nation, as well as in corporate and intellectual property transactions, informs his development and execution of successful legal strategies for individual clients and companies large and small. Joining Steckler Wayne Cochran Cherry, PLLC, after 15 years with a highly respected Dallas-based regional firm, Michael has significant experience handling all phases of litigation, from case intake through discovery, motion practice, mediation, trial, and appeal, in a broad range of catastrophic personal injury and wrongful death, employment, commercial, consumer, financial services, and intellectual property disputes.

Michael is an honors graduate of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee and the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law where he served as Associate Managing Editor of the International Law Review Association. Michael maintains a perfect 10/10 rating on Avvo and is a nine-time recipient of the Super Lawyers Rising Stars Award (2011, 2012-2019).

Hon. Paul D. Stickney (ret.) served 20 years as a United States Magistrate Judge for the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, from 1998 to 2018. During private practice and with the Federal Public Defender Judge Stickney tried to a jury more than 150 felony criminal cases, as well as civil cases. During his tenure on the bench, Judge Stickney presided over jury trials, court hearings on motions, discovery disputes, search and arrest warrants. Judge Stickney conducted hundreds of guilty plea arraignments, bond hearings and initial appearances over his 20 years on the bench.

Judge Stickney has mediated hundreds of disputed cases during his tenure on the bench. He has attended mediation-training sessions by the Federal Judicial Center honing his skills. Judge Stickney has the ability to exact fairness thereby gaining the trust of all parties in a dispute. He can fuse the personal with the professional to reach an end goal – acceptable to all parties. Judge Stickney began his law career in 1981 when he co-founded the Breit & Stickney Law Office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He helped run this firm until 1990, when he became the First Assistant Federal Public Defender for the Northern District of Texas. He held that post eight years, until his appointment to the bench in 1998.

Austin P. Smith is an associate at SWCC and focuses his practice on litigation and dispute resolution. Austin has experience in handling a wide variety of matters in state and federal court, involving complex commercial and business disputes, fraud, personal injury, and criminal matters including white collar crime. Austin spent the first part of his legal career with the trial department of Thompson & Knight LLP, one of the oldest and most respected law firms in Texas. From 2017 to 2018, Austin was honored to serve as a law clerk to the Honorable Judge Amos L. Mazzant in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas. In 2020, Austin was selected by Best Lawyers as "One to Watch".

Justin Allen's practice includes a variety of civil litigation, with a particular focus on commercial and intellectual property disputes. He has represented individuals and businesses in both state and federal courts and has experience in all phases of litigation, from pre-filing investigation to post-trial briefing.

Justin joined Steckler Wayne Cochran Cherry in 2021. Prior to joining the firm, he was an associate with McKool Smith, P.C. in Dallas, Texas, where he represented clients in patent infringement and complex commercial litigation.

Justin graduated summa cum laude from Baylor University, and was a Hatton W. Sumners Foundation Scholarship Recipient at the Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law.

Blake E. Mattingly is an associate at SWCC and has worked for the firm since his third year of law school. He has gained a significant litigation experience in a wide array of practice areas including commercial disputes, class actions, products liability, antitrust, restrictive covenants, and employment disputes for defendants and plaintiffs in state and federal court. Blake has successfully opposed the enforcement of arbitration agreements in federal court, obtained an appellate victory in a products liability and medical malpractice suit, and effectively advocates for his clients in and out of the courtroom. Blake enjoys litigating complex legal issues and the continual learning opportunities that practicing law provides.

During law school, Blake interned for the Honorable Joseph H.L. Perez-Montes in the Western District of Louisiana, was a member of SMU's International Law Review and Phi Delta Phi, was a Chief Student Attorney with the Small Business & Trademark Clinic, and was selected as an inaugural board member for the All-Clinic Student Advisory Board. Blake was also selected for several off-campus moot court teams where he won an award for Best Oralist and made it to the semifinal and final rounds in different competitions.